

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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NEGLECTING URDU
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Urdu remains neglected in colleges particularly in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the corrective steps being taken to avoid such situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c) During the year 2010-2011, out of 515 Universities in the country, 47 Universities were having Department of Urdu conducting courses at various levels. As regards Andhra Pradesh, 6 Universities have Department of Urdu with provision to conduct courses at Graduate, Post-Graduate and Research level in Urdu. However, information about the teaching of Urdu in colleges in the country is not being maintained centrally. The Government of India has established a Central University known as Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh specially to promote Urdu education in the country.